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Correspondents who have contacts with the military leaders -
BUNDLEBEE [SHEPHERD][i], SWING[ii], PANCAKE [BLIN][iii] and CHEF [SHEP][iv]
in a conversation with SERGEJ[v] maintained that the General Staff of
the COUNTRY [SERVING][vi] is very much alarmed at the German offensive
which may delay for several months the renewal of the American general
offensive which is calculated to crush Germany in concert with us.
BUNDLEBEE had a chat with the head of the ARMY[vii] who told him
that if the Germans seize LIEGE and the adjacent [D] areas on the
front it will take a further 3-4 months to reorganise the American
offensive and [D] longer to make good the stocks of military equipment
now concentrated in this area. BUNDLEBEE was recently in France for
a month and there concluded from a chat with EISENHOWER that the
American plan provides for a break-through onto the left bank of the
RHINE in the middle of January. At this period the Americans were
counting on our offensive in Poland primarily in the direction of
CRACOW.

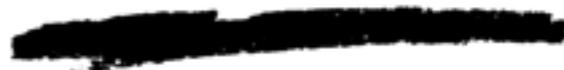
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MAY [M.J][viii]

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- Comments: [i] SHMEL': in this case an unidentified journalist.
- [ii] SWING, [REDACTED] radio commentator.
- [iii] BLIN: Isidore Fernstein STONE, Washington editor of the "Nation", and Washington correspondent for "EM".
- [iv] SHEP: unidentified.
- [v] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich FRAVDIN,
- [vi] SER/NA: the United States of America.
- [vii] ARSENAL: U.S. War Department, "the head" of which was Henry L. STILSON, Secretary of State for War.
- [viii] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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